(Once, Arviragus,) in as like a figure,
Strikes life into my speech, and shows much more
His own conceiving. Hark ! the game is rous'd !—
O Cymbeline ! heaven, and my conscience, knows,
Thou didst unjustly banish me : whereon,
At three, and two years old, I stole these babes [4];
Thinking to bar thee of succession, as
Thou reftfst me of my lands. Euriphile,
Thou wast their nurse; they took thee for their
mother,
And every day do honour to her grave[5]:
Myself, Belarius, that am Morgan calTd,
They take for natural father. The game is up.

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In this collection one of our author's own poems was originally printed. See the end of The Passionate Pilgrim. MALONE.

[4] — I stole these babes ;] Shakspeare. seems to intend Belarius for a good character, yet he makes him forget the injury which he has clone to the young princes, whom he has robbed of a kingdom only to rob their father of heirs.—The latter part of this soliloquy is very inartificial, there being no particular reason why Belarius should now tell to himself what he could not know better by telling it. JOHNSON.

[5] — to HER grave :] i. e. to the grave of Euriphile ; or, to the grave of " their mother, as they suppose it to be.'* The poet ought rather to have written—to *thy* grave. MALONE.

Perhaps he did write so, and the present reading is only a corruption introduced by his printers or publishers. STEEVENS.

This change of persons frequently occurs in our author. Thus, in Julius Csesar:

" Casca, *thou* art the first that rears *his* hand." Again, in Timon of Athens :

[6] Hail to *thee,* worthy Timon, and to all [e] That of Aw bounty taste." Again, in The Winter's Tale :

' Away with him ; and let *her* sport *herself* ' With that *she's* big with ; for 'tis Polixenes [6] Has made *thee* swell thus."

But this mode of construction is not peculiar to Shakspeare; we meet with it in Scripture, Acts xvii. v. 2, 3: "And Pnul—reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alledging, that Christ

must needs have suffered; and risen again from the dead; and tfoat this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ."

MALON E.